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DETACHMENT H

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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

H-50-1 This SOP supercedes H-50-1 dated 1 August 1966

FLYING TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

- I. **PURPOSE:** To establish, by category, the flying requirements necessary to maintain proficiency/operational status in mission aircraft.
- II. **SCOPE:** The provisions of this SOP are applicable to all pilots flying mission aircraft at this station.
- III. **RESPONSIBILITY:** It is the responsibility of the Director of Operations to insure, to the extent possible, that all pilots maintain the degree of proficiency herein contained.
- IV. **DEFINITIONS:**
 - A. Category I: Fully qualified to fly any type mission.
 - B. Category II: Restricted from operational missions involving over-flight of denied territory or sensitive area.
 - C. Category III: Restricted to local training flights which are planned to recover at the base of departure.

V. **FLYING REQUIREMENTS:**

- A. Category I: In order to remain in Category I status, pilots will be required to accomplish the following minimums in mission aircraft:
 1. During the preceding three (3) calendar month period:
 - (a) A total of ten (10) sorties, of which three (3) sorties must have been of 3+30 hours duration or longer. (Operational sorties, regardless of duration, will be considered of 3+30 hours duration or longer.)
 - (b) A total of not less than thirty (30) flying hours.
 2. At least one (1) sortie during each thirty day period.
 3. Pilots who meet the requirements outlined in V,A,1, but who fail to accomplish at least one (1) sortie in any twenty (20) day period.
- B. Category II: Category II status will be assigned to pilots who accomplish the following minimums in mission aircraft:
 1. During the preceding three (3) calendar month period:
 - (a) A total of seven (7) sorties.
 - (b) A total of not less than twenty (20) flying hours.
 2. At least one (1) sortie during each thirty day period.

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C. Category III: Pilots not meeting the requirements established for Categories I or II, or who, in the opinion of the Manager, [REDACTED] Commander, are not fully proficient in the mission aircraft. 25X1C

D. Upgrading to Category I status:

1. Pilots who have been designated in Category II or III for failure to accomplish the required three (3) month minimums or because they have not flown mission aircraft for a thirty (30) day period can be redesignated Category I by completing the following mission aircraft flying minimums within a fourteen (14) day period:
 - (a) Three (3) sorties, of which, one (1) must be for 3+30 hours or longer duration.
 - (b) A total of ten (10) flying hours.
2. Pilots who are upgraded to Category I in accordance with para V,D,1 can remain in Category I for the remainder of the month in which upgrading was begun and the subsequent month, regardless of the three (3) month total requirement.
3. Pilots who have been downgraded in category for reasons other than failure to accomplish minimum flying requirements can be upgraded to Category I status at the discretion of the Manager, [REDACTED] Commander, provided Category I flying requirements have been met.
4. Pilots accomplishing transition IAW H-50-3 will be placed in Category I status after satisfactorily completion of the Evaluation Check.

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